

One Engagé exempted in certain cases.

shall be also exempted from transporting Government effects, from lodging troops, and from serving as Inspectors or Overseers of the Roads, any thing to the contrary hereof in this behalf notwithstanding. Provided, that nothing herein contained, shall exempt or be construed to exempt any more than one engagé or postillion where the *Maître* or *Aide de Poste* by Law is required to have but one engagé or postillion.

Regulations respecting ferry-men.

XIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all and every Ferry-man or persons keeping Ferries on the Post-roads, shall be provided with such good and sufficient Ferry-Boats, Batteaux, Canoes and Scows as may be necessary for the safety, ease and convenience of persons travelling as aforesaid, and, the persons keeping such Ferries shall not on any pretence, detain any traveller, under the Penalty of Ten Shillings, current money of this Province, for each and every detention, nor shall any such person or persons keeping such Ferry-Boats, Batteaux, Canoes or Scows, be under any obligation after the passing of this Act, to carry or convey or procure to be carried or conveyed, the portmanteau, trunk or other baggage or effects of every traveller or travellers in any manner, or to any distance whatsoever, save and except over or across the water communication to the spot or place, where the calsche, cariole or other carriage shall take up such passenger, or as near thereto as may be; but such person so keeping such Ferry-Boat, Batteau, Canoe or Scow, shall be responsible for the safe custody and keeping of such portmanteau, trunk or other baggage or effects, in the said Ferry-Boat, Batteau, Canoe or Scow, till the arrival of the calsche, cariole or other carriage to take up the same. Provided, such arrival shall be not more than half an hour, after the landing of such passenger or passengers, on the banks of the said river, over which he or they shall be so conveyed, any former Rule, Order or Regulation to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso.

Duty of the Superintendent.

XIV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of the Provincial Post-Houses, to make an annual Circuit, between the first day of May, and the first day of August, in the different parts of this Province where Post-Houses shall be established, and to inform himself, whether this Act is duly executed, and to give such orders and directions as may tend to promote its execution, according to the true sense and meaning thereof; and also, to keep a Register of all the Orders and directions which he may have given to the *Maîtres* and *Aides de Poste*, of his agreements with them, of his Circuits, and of the state and condition of the Post-Houses, Batteaux, Scows, Canoes and other Boats employed at the Ferries on the Post-roads, and of which he shall transmit, annually, an extract, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being.

Superintendent to give the distances between the Post-Houses.

XV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Superintendent of the Provincial Post-Houses shall ascertain and give the distances between each Post-House, and if the said *Maîtres* or *Aides de Poste* think that the distance so ascertained by the Superintendent, is not exact, they may cause it to be verified by a sworn Surveyor at their own expence.

XVI.